

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 10, 2004. Claims 1, 19, 20, 24, 32, 35, 38, 54, 74, 75, 82, 95 and 120 to 127 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 24, 32, 35, 38, 54, 74, 75, 82, 95 and 120 to 127 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

In this Amendment, Claims 19 and 20 have been rewritten into multiply dependent form, so as to depend from each of the independent claims herein. Additionally, all dependent claims have been cancelled so as to avoid an otherwise excessively large government filing fee for multiply-dependent claims, and also to maintain closer correspondence to claims in foreign counterpart applications.

Claims 110 to 119, which are included in the dependent claims that were cancelled and which had been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, have all been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the rejection, but rather simply to secure an earlier allowance.

New independent Claims 120 to 127 have been added, generally along the lines of the Examiner's Statement Of Reasons For Allowance given in the Notice of Allowability dated December 1, 2003.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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